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They Entertained Psychic Observer Editors During
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Psychic Observer

Sylvia and Maurice Barbanell, two of England's outstanding Spiritualists, gave a tea in honor of the editors of *Psychic Observer* at their London flat, 8 Adelaide Court, Abbey Road. Some of London's leading mediums, healers and authors were present—many of them meeting for the first time.

The Barbanells have written some of *Spiritualism's* best selling books. They are owners of the "Psychic Book Club" of London. Through their intercession, numerous seances and private interviews were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Pressing.

MY FIRST WEEK IN LONDON

By

— Juliette Ewing Pressing —

In my last article, referred to as a diary style letter to the *PSYCHIC OBSERVER* family, I told of my air-plane flight across the *Atlantic*, and that I was eagerly anticipating the pleasure of sitting with English mediums.

London is the center of *Spiritualism* in England. There are several large associations and psychic research societies; also many other groups carrying on activities independently.

In my two weeks, I endeavored to see as many people and go to as many places as could possibly be worked into such a short space of time, so I'll outline what I saw, who I met and what meetings I attended.

Schedule Arranged

On the first evening, I dined with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Barbanell at their flat. Mr. Barbanell is editor of *Psychic News*. We discussed *Spiritualism* for hours with the Barbanells and Hannen Swaffer who joined us early that same evening. Before I left, Mr. Barbanell gave me a schedule of sittings which he had arranged.

The following night, I sat in the famous Hannen Swaffer Home Circle. This group has met every week for over twelve years, even during the war days when the blitz was at its worst. The guide of the circle, *Silver Birch*, is said to have promised all members of the circle immunity from any harm. This protection was given. Not one of this circle was injured by bombs or harmed in any way.

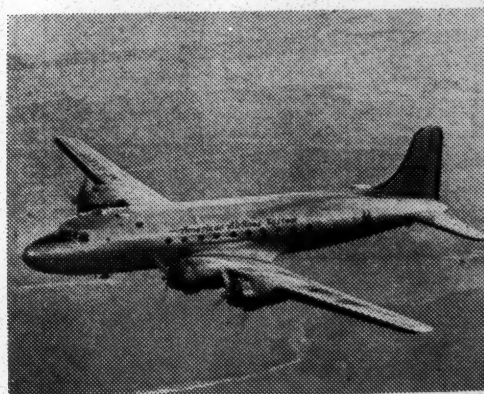
Briefly, the procedure at this circle is as follows: In full light, the members sit around a small wooden table. They place their finger tips lightly on its surface. The names of each student's guide is called. Each spirit presence is made known by movement of the table which also tips out "yes" or "no" in response to questions. The table is then dispensed with.

Harold Sharpe

After a prayer, the medium is entranced by *Silver Birch*, guide of the Hannen Swaffer Home Circle. He offers a prayer and delivers a discourse on the implications of *Spiritualism*.

A question period usually follows the talk. One of the students takes shorthand notes of the meeting. Stenographic records of these discourses have been taken down over a period of years. These records have been compiled into several worthwhile books, which would be welcome additions to

FIRST POST - WAR PLANE TRIP
TO LONDON BY SPIRITUALISTS



Here is a picture of one of the four-motored planes operated by The American Export Overseas Airlines. It was this type of aircraft that safely conveyed Mr. and Mrs. Pressing on their round trip to London.

any Spiritualist library (i.e.) "Teachings of *Silver Birch*," "More Teachings of *Silver Birch*," "Wisdom of *Silver Birch*," "More Wisdom of *Silver Birch*" and "Prayers to the Great Spirit."

The following day, Harold Sharpe, a well known English psychic came to my hotel to demonstrate his mediumship, which includes a unique phase known as "auric reading." Without a preconceived plan, Mr. Sharpe drew, with colored crayons and ink, peculiar figures and lines.

Kathleen Barkel

Finished, the result was a symmetrical and beautifully colored sketch. A Chinese guide, *Chan Shih Wong* then entranced the medium, and interpreted the symbols shown on the drawings. The reading was excellent. A comprehensive outline of my past, with future prophecies were included in the *aurascope*.

In the afternoon, I went to the "House of White Hawk," 124 Church Road, Upper Norwood, to sit with Kathleen Barkel.

Upper Norwood is a suburb of London. To reach there, I went by underground and transferred to a bus. This section was severely blitzed. For blocks I saw badly damaged houses. The main structures of stone and brick were left standing, whilst the interiors were completely demolished.

Mrs. Barkel's home was bombed three times and even though the damage was not too great, windows had to be replaced and one entire side of her home had to be repaired.

Bertha Marx

Despite the many severe trials during the war, Mrs. Barkel was kind and gracious, reflecting the value of true spiritual growth.

During my seance, her spirit collaborator "White Hawk" a friendly, jovial spirit, entranced his medium. I received several evidential messages. Marie, the guide of Bertha Marx, Springfield, Ohio, relayed a message with conclusive evidence to substantiate her identity.

Several good books have been assembled from material received through Mrs. Barkel's mediumship. When shipments of our book purchases arrive these titles will be listed. I can highly recommend these publications for students of esoteric teachings.

In England, it is an established custom to hold large propaganda meetings. Several churches or as-

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An EASTER Message

WHY SEEK THE
LIVING AMONG
THE DEAD?

By

Dortch Campbell

The Angel said: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." The Radiant One, standing at the gateway of life and death, perhaps did not intend merely to explain what had transpired but to reveal the manner of life, to show that one should not seek the living among the dead.

The times are indeed ripe for us to more completely understand the deep and mystical meaning of that great dream of the *Resurrection*. Look out upon your troubled world—do you perceive anything save darkness and confusion? Are not all wandering like lost souls? The great and the near-great gather together to debate and decide on momentous questions that involve the destiny of nations and of all civilizations.

Our so-called great men confer, and they talk learnedly, and they believe they shall be heard for their much speaking. But the world in spite of all that is said is terribly unhappy. There is no light anywhere, but all is darkness like the tomb, and I believe that all this is due largely to the fact that we seek the living among the dead.

What Liberalists Believe

Is this not really what ails the world? Do we not do as we always have done? Do we not hark back to the lifeless formulas? Is there not more faith in that which is ancient and feeble and senile than in the new and consequently strong and vital? Why seek ye life amid the dust of ages?

The most inspiring miracle of all the ages is the *Resurrection* and without it the *Christian church* would not have come into existence. All the prodigious events in the life of the *Christ* would be as nothing if he had not come forth from the tomb, but that materialization, that conquest over death, has come thundering down the centuries, sufficient unto itself upon which to establish a great religion. The appeal of the *Resurrection* the world must constantly remember.

None know the precise manner of the *Resurrection*; there were no witnesses, and for centuries it has been a subject for heated controversies. Literalists hold that it was Jesus' physical body that arose from the tomb and appeared to others perhaps thirteen times; that it was his physical body that ascended into heaven. Paul asserted, "Flesh and blood cannot in-

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American and British Spiritualists Face Up To Their Problems

Swaffer, Desmond, Miller, Leah, Lilly, Bailey, Parish,
Strong, Edwards and others greet American editors.

By

A "PSYCHIC NEWS" REPORTER

It began as a tea party to enable Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pressing to meet representative Spiritualists and ended with a frank discussion on the problems that face Britain and America in the presentation of our truths.

Nearly thirty Spiritualists, among them seven mediums, six healers and five authors, crammed into the small living room in the flat of Maurice Barbanell and his wife.

What amazed the Pressings was the fact that nearly all the mediums had never met one another before. It was the first time, for example, that Lilian Bailey had met Peggy Parish, Harry Edwards, Frank Leah, W. H. Lilley and Ronald Strong.

It was explained to the Pressings that, because of the war, Spiritualists had been more or less isolated in their own respective spheres.

Moreover, mediums worked through particular societies and seldom met, except on social occasions, which the war, and now food problems, had made almost impossible. Frank Leah commented that this was the first tea party he had attended for 20 years.

Ideas Exchanged

Incidentally, the fact that nearly all these mediums were strangers to one another gave the lie to the accusation sometimes made by our opponents that mediums are intimately associated and pass on information to each other about their sitters.

The frank exchange of views arose after a speech of welcome given by Barbanell. Mrs. Pressing, responding, spoke of the difficulties which confronted Spiritualists in the United States.

There was the problem of geography, the vast distances, often thousands of miles, that

separated Spiritualists. The whole of Britain was no larger than the State of Pennsylvania.

U.S.A. Lacks Champions

Then, too, there was the problem that, in addition to Federal laws, each State had its own legislation. Mrs. Pressing said that she envied us because of the number of famous people who openly championed *Spiritualism* in Britain. There were few such famous champions in America.

The Press in her country was hostile and seldom printed anything favorable to *Spiritualism*. Publishers looked askance at books which presented our truths.

People as a whole had a more materialistic outlook on life, or else they were attracted to some of the many occult sects that flourish in America.

On the other hand, she said, they had a wealth of physical mediumship, the like of which was not to be seen in Britain. She answered many questions, as did her husband, which illustrated their problems.

Shaw Desmond, for example, raised the question of books by stating that it was difficult to get American publishers to produce the volumes on psychic matters

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HANNEN SWAFFER

Marie Corelli Believed In the Spirit World

HER BOOK, "LIFE EVERLASTING," A CLASSIC

Canadian writer's personal
experiences with famous
author.

By WILLIAM GILES

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

To one who has lived and breathed the atmosphere of *Stratford-on-Avon*, the "spirit voice" of Marie Corelli at a recent seance, revived memories of working in the Old-World town in 1907, making tennis and croquet courts within the shadow of the *Shakespeare Memorial Theater*, which in recent years was destroyed by fire, but which has been replaced by a more modern dramatic playhouse.

It was while engaged in this work for the *Stratford-on-Avon Tennis and Croquet Club* that a messenger was sent asking that I see Miss Corelli at my earliest convenience. She was looking for someone to level a portion of her lawn for the purpose of playing croquet.

Gave "Private Reading"

My first impression on meeting this estimable lady will remain with me for all time. For, on being ushered into her lovely home, with window boxes containing geraniums, calceolarias and lobelia at every window, this world-famed author "read me like a book" so to speak.

She chose the occasion to give me a "private reading," declaring I possessed the necessary electricity and chemicals in my body to very easily develop clairvoyance, etc.

* * *

She received me with courtesy, but her behavior was marked by a somewhat cold dignity, which, like a barrier of ice repelled the warmth of my admiration for her. It was impossible not to listen to her, and, while listening, equally impossible not to admire her.

I knew nothing of psychic matters in those days, but she was encouraged to continue her predictions by observing the sensation of awe which had stolen upon me.

What She Told Me

"You will in time," she asserted, "be able to see plainly the spirits who inhabit the air. As your mediumship unfolds, you will be able to converse with them, and they with you. You will, in your intercourse with your fellowmen, be able to discern their motives, quickly and unerringly. You will at once discover where you are loved, and where you are disliked."

SHE WROTE PSYCHIC NOVELS



Psychic Observer

MARIE CORELLI, recognized as one of the foremost novelists of her day; author of over sixty-two books, all of which are out-of-print with the exception of "Life Everlasting."

Miss Corelli is known to have had a vast knowledge of occult laws, as well as a firm conviction of the truths taught by the Spiritualists — although she did not openly proclaim her belief in Spiritualism.

* * *

And not all the learning and logic of so-called philosophers will be able to cloud your instinct. You will have a keener appreciation of good and beautiful things and a delightful sense of humor, and invariable cheerfulness."

...and She Prophesied

"I do not think," continued Miss Corelli, "after what you have seen, you will ever desire to exert a malign influence, knowing that the Creator of your being is all love and forgiveness. In love and for love were all things made. Pray much, I beg of you, and with as unselfish a heart as you can prepare. And do not grieve if you are unable to guide others. You will try, but it will not be surprising if you fail."

* * *

On thanking her for her prophecies, I enquired if she really believed in these theories. "I do believe in them," she declared with emphasis, if I did not I should not be speaking to you in this way." "Yes, I believe in the progression or Retrogression of the soul by the action of the will. And, to ensure progression the will must be guided by faith in Christ — and Christ only; equally to ensure retrogression, the will is centered on self — and rapidly works degradation on the whole spiritual germ."

Entered Frank Convent

Begging to be excused, as I had left a dozen men at work, she took me into her lovely garden at the rear, where I saw a platform erected up a huge apple tree, access to which was by a spiral stairway.

This was where this famous author did most of her writing, so she told me. A truly entrancing spot, the like of which I have never seen elsewhere.

There are few figures in the long, wide course of our literary and artistic history whom it is harder to sum up in a few sentences than the subject of this article. The adopted daughter of a

Scottish song writer and poet, Charles Mackay, but educated in a French convent, she became a brilliant pianist and was preparing for a concert career when a psychic experience turned her suddenly into a world-famous writer.

She Never Married

After abandoning music she issued her first book, "A Romance of Two Worlds." Her last work was published in 1911, "The Life Everlasting," which dealt with spirit power and universal love.

In this year, too, she persuaded Edward Morris, of Chicago, to purchase her home, *Harvard House*, which was later presented to Harvard University, to which it now belongs. This house was reputed to have belonged to Shakespeare's daughter.

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Miss Corelli never married, but lived alone with her constant companion, Bertha Vyver, who later wrote an admiring book about her.

Her ill-timed fervor and desire to play "Lady Bountiful" involved her in constant quarrels with her fellow townsfolk, and it was while I was in Stratford-on-Avon she sued one of the town councilors for slander, winning her case and being awarded a farthing damages.

Still pouring out books, though her popularity decreased with the years, this pretty little blonde woman imperceptibly faded into an old lady, still convinced of her perfect rightness, vast learning and supreme genius.

Impulsively Generous

She passed to the "fuller life" just after the completion of her 28th book in her 70th year.

Miss Corelli was above all a great moral force, whose main enemies were the slipshod and superficial expounders of creedal and doctrinal philosophies. Those who sneer at her overpowering morality find themselves in deep agreement with her passionate defense of the English countryside, against the horrors of factories and factory houses.

Miss Corelli was never so happy as when being propelled in her gondola up and down the beautiful Avon River.

Hypersensitive to criticism she refused in later days to allow her books to be sent to the reviewers.

She was insanely vain, a passionate self-dramatizer. Like her readers, from Queen Victoria down, she mistook mystical pretense for knowledge, and florid rhetoric for stylistic triumph.

Yet on the whole she was warm-hearted, deeply religious in her own individual manner, impulsively generous both with money and with praise, and she did have a flair for "gorgeous scene painting" and an extravagantly romantic characterization that put the breath of life into her stories.

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I know my "dead" father
is with me. I have sufficient
proof.

By

REV. CHARLES ELMER BEALS

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A few weeks ago I was talking with a friend. I have known for some time he was mediumistic. As we were talking he turned and said to me, "Say, brother, who is that man I see standing beside you? He looks like you and is wearing the Grand Army blue."

This makes the fifth time mediums with whom I have been talking have told me they saw a man

who looked like me standing beside men. One of them definitely identified him as my father; while three of them said he wore the Grand Army blue. The question arises as to the validity of what these five mediums claimed to see.

Recently I have been reading a book on psycho-analysis. I have not a doubt some of the psychoanalysts would say these mediums drew from my subconsciousness the picture of my father dressed in a Grand Army suit, and reported it to me. Now to start the argument let us say these mediums saw their visions either by a process of psycho-analysis or through mediumistic insight.

A Matter of Record

It is wholly out of the question to assume these five mediums took counsel together to tell me the same thing. Even if there had been connivance, they would have had first to send out some investigators to find out whether my father belonged to the Grand Army.

This possibility must be eliminated. Then if the theory of psycho-analysis be adopted, what an advantage it would be to all present day psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, if they too had the gift of mediumship, for then they could draw directly from the subconsciousness of their patients all the information they needed to make their diagnosis.

It is not a matter of record that these psychoanalysts are seeking to develop the gift of mediumship. The most that could possibly be conceded would be to assume that these five mediums, while knowing little of the science of psycho-analysis, were nevertheless "natural" psychoanalysts. I do not concede this possibility.

I Have the Answer

I am a retired minister, having fellowship in two Protestant denominations. The past ten years I have been investigating this thing called *Spiritualism*. Although sometimes I have felt like a psychic spy, I have been well received by the Spiritualists I have met, and have had a chance "to go behind the scenes" much more than many so-called investigators do. The result is I am convinced of the reality of psychic phenomena

and the fact that under certain conditions contact can be established with the so-called dead.

One thing that puzzled me for a long time was how the various mediums could describe so accurately the appearances of deceased persons. A ministerial friend of mine said recently he could not believe the spirits had clothes after the pattern of what they wore while on the earth. After some thought I have formulated an answer to this question, which I will pass on for what it is worth. At any rate this theory helps me to understand why three mediums have seen my father dressed in blue.

I Attended Seances

During the years I have been investigating *Spiritualism* there have been probably a dozen times when various mediums have purported to establish contact with my father. As above stated he has been reported three times as dressed in the Grand Army blue.

On another occasion he was presented as dressed in a hunter's suit, and carrying a double barreled shot gun. My father had a double barreled shot gun which he prized. As a boy I have gone with him into the woods, when he carried that gun.

Another medium saw him walking back and forth with his hands behind him. This was a characteristic pose of my father when he warmed up in conversation. He would walk back and forth as he talked, and sometimes would join his hands as indicated. Another medium saw him dressed in a Prince Albert. Father was of the old school. In the nineties it was quite proper to wear a Prince Albert on Sundays.

Once the president of one of the Spiritualist churches I sometimes attend, invited me to give an address. I offered a brief interpretation of the passage in the Psalms, "When I awake I am still with Thee." After the address I took a seat near the end of the platform, where I could watch the officiating medium.

I Receive a Message

What was my surprise when she turned around and began to describe my father, saying among other things that his eyes were blue in contrast to my own which are dark.

Then she said, "Your father

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The VANISHED HAND

By MAJOR ALAN HOWGRAVE-GRAHAM
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*Oh for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.*
(Tennyson)

Some years ago I addressed a meeting of school teachers on the subject of that curse of childhood, school homework. I ended my address with these words:

"If a boy has a hard-driving schoolmaster, it's a bad job. If he has a hard-driving father, it's a much worse job. But when he has a hard-driving schoolmaster in constant close collusion with a hard-driving father, then God help him! All I can say is that I hope that the two miscreants may some day be shoveling cinders in Tophet, twenty-four hours a day, in a temperature of three hundred degrees Centegrade, with Satan's ablest shiftboss standing over them with a white-hot whip."

Moreover, one of his school-mates told his own parents, on the very afternoon of my story, "We had an awful time with Mrs. X today. There is a little boy named Billy that she seems to HATE."

Alas, poor Billy!

*Hot fires are burning,
Cauldrons are steaming,
Knives are being sharpened,
All to butcher thee!*

A Typical Case

Alone in his home on a certain afternoon, in a certain town, in a certain year, in this southern land, sat a little boy "Billy"—I will call him that, but it is not his name—just turned eleven years old. Other boys of his age were out at play in the sunshine, but "Billy" sat there, spending the long afternoon on a double dose of school homework. He was in poor health; he had recently had a lowering course of injections for that depressing complaint *Bilharzia*.

Billy was a typical case of the boy I had in mind in my address. Indeed, worse than typical. For he not only had to do with such a couple as I there described. There was in his case a third malefactor, indefatigable instigator of the other two reprobates—an exacting scolding school-marm, the worst type of slave-driving school-room shrew.

Doctor's Orders

"Every one was against me — every one; 'till I knew you," he said to me fifteen months later.

Only a week before, this woman, hearing no excuse, had sent Billy to his headmaster, an overbearing bullying man whom he hated and feared, for not doing some other homework—not doing it on a day when he had actually been put to bed by doctor's orders, but had neglected the formality of producing a note of excuse.

Bon chien chasse de race: this worthy, equally intolerant of explanation had berated him in such fashion that he had left the room white and shaking.

Knew the Consequences

And now, on this, the day of my story, after being first "kept in," he had at last returned home in time to find his teacher already on the telephone to his mother, complaining about homework not done the previous afternoon, partly owing to his having had to run errands on his bicycle for his mother. Hence the double dose before him.

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The dreary time went laggard by. Bit by bit the work was tackled. But at last there came a hitch. Billy found before him some thing utterly beyond his ability to deal with. What now? He knew full well what the consequences would be next day, at school first, at home after, did he again fail to deliver the goods.

face, held out for inspection the body of a little black baby shot dead by a stray bullet, the random slaughter of a white man's war. I read that harrowing little last letter. I saw that homework book, beautifully worked down to the (most naturally) fatal difficulty. And I almost wept.

"I Leave You To God"

Someone else was stirred. Rather fear of consequences than belated remorse it was, it seemed, that brought to the door of that darkened house, in futile tears, *The Woman*. With the terrible words of Doom "I leave you to GOD," the door was slammed in her face by a bereaved mother.

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Some three months after the tragedy and my first enquiries concerning it, I quite unexpectedly made the acquaintance of an old lady with clairaudient mediumistic powers, though she never accepted payment for them. At the very first sitting with this Mrs. Godfrey (and her husband) I had a communication from Billy.

Within the next couple of weeks I got a number of unassailable and very striking proofs of his identity, every one of them previously unknown to me, and every one afterwards found correct. What, however, is of immediate importance is that "Billy's" mother gave me a postcard photograph of him, which I took to the next seance with the Godfreys in the inner breast pocket of my jacket, which also contained a pocket wallet containing paper money.

We Were Warned

Billy said through her "You have a picture of ME," and "It is in the pocket where you keep your money," and "My mother gave it to you," and "I want you to keep it always, so you won't forget me."

Thenceforth, I kept it in the said pocket wallet, with money, cheque-book, and other papers. But—remember this—I disclosed the fact to no one.

* * * *

In December 1938, I was invited to attend a seance for "physical phenomena" in Johannesburg, the medium being R. E. Pugh, who was on a short visit from Rhodesia. The seance was held in a small two-story house on the *Geldenhuis Deep Gold Mine*.

I arrived about 7:40 P. M., the seance being timed for 8 P. M. There were about a dozen people assembled besides the medium and our host and hostess.

Our host warned us that it would be very hot in the seance-room upstairs—it was a hot summer night—and advised the men to leave their coats downstairs. This put me in a little difficulty. I had in my inner right-hand breast pocket my wallet, containing some five or six pounds, papers, cheque-book, and — though I was not thinking of it—an envelope containing the post-card photograph of Billy, and I did not know what native servants there might be in the house.

No One Knew

But I did not like to betray distrust by openly removing the wallet. However, standing, as I was, by the open door, I noticed the drawingroom in darkness opposite, and watching my opportunity, I slipped in, pulled the door to, and transferred the wallet to a concealed inside pocket in the lining beneath the left side of my waistcoat. I was alone, in the dark.

No living person except my tailor knew of the existence of this pocket. No living person could know that I had my wallet in it. No living person knew, or ever had known, that in the wallet there

TALKING IT OVER



Psychic Observer

All the world problems as well as those pertaining to Spiritualism are settled at the Post Office, Lily Dale, N. Y. Seated on the railing of the front porch is the late Rev. Frank Casebeer. Lina Beecher (extreme left) is taking it all in whilst Forrester Clarke, in shirt sleeves receives a few pointers from Rev. Casebeer. The woman entering the P. O. is unidentified.

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was a postcard photograph of the boy.

Shortly after this, Mr. Pugh asked me to come and examine the seance-room upstairs. I did so, very minutely. There was no fire-grate. The window had been completely boarded up by a wooden screen permanently nailed to the frame to exclude all light. There was no trap-door in ceiling or floor. There were no pictures, curtains, cupboards, shelves, mats or carpet.

There was a pendant center light, red and shaded. There were fourteen plain wooden and cane-seated chairs, affording no means of concealment, ranged round three sides of the room. In the middle of the fourth side was a wooden arm-chair with cane seat and no upholstery, for the medium, and on its right a little "occasional" table, without cloth or hangings; on this table were a red-shaded reading lamp with small red bulb, a plain glass water-bottle full of water, and a plain empty glass tumbler.

In the center of the room was a small deal table with no cloth or drawer, on which were a writing pad and pencil, a toy "policeman's rattle," a child's coral rattle hung

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SPIRIT IDENTITY

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wishes me to bring you a brief message, 'I am proud of you, my son. You have spoken the truth tonight'."

My first thought was that if this woman wishes to compliment me on the address, why does she go out of the way to remind me my father's eyes were blue!

Now I do not for a moment think that in the spirit realm my father is dressed all the time in a Grand Army suit or a hunter's suit or even in a Prince Albert. As matter of fact, if I could see him as he is, I might not be able to recognize him at first, or at any rate my recognition would not be based on what was once his physical appearance. Whence then these pictures the mediums have been giving me?

Proof of Identity

I will suppose I had a brother (which I have not), and that forty years ago he left home and has not been heard from since. I still live in the ancestral home. One day a gray haired man whom I do not recognize comes to my door. On a pad of paper he writes, "I am your brother: but I have now lost the power of speech. May I come in and prove I am your brother?"

On a chance I let him in. Immediately he goes to the old book case and takes out an ancient album of family portraits and snap shots. As he turns the pages over, when he comes to a picture of himself he points to it and by signs indicates to me that that is his picture. Now these pictures do not look like the gray haired man before me, but he shows me these pictures as a proof of his identity.

In somewhat the same way my father, now deceased forty-five years, and who cannot speak to me so my physical ears can hear him, yet through the mediumship of certain persons is able to show me some of the "snap shots" of his earthly life in the hope that they will establish his identity. If I accept this identification I believe the evidence is sufficient to justify my belief that, though deceased, he is still in spirit near me and interested in how I fare.

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My First Week In LONDON

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sociations cooperate by engaging large halls which accommodate thousands. I was invited to such a meeting, at Plumsted Baths, Plumsted.

My friend, *Hannen Swaffer* was scheduled to speak. A trip by train and bus was made to reach this suburb. I especially call attention to the distances, to show what is required of these speakers and mediums, who so unselfishly render service to the cause. The speakers are rarely compensated for their services, and only a small fee, usually less than 1 pound (\$4.00) is given to the medium.

Materialization Seance

The receipts are used to defray the expenses. Any balance is divided among the participating churches for future propaganda meetings.

A reprint from *Psychic News* in this issue (page 12) describes this particular meeting. The text of part of Mr. Swaffer's address and some of the messages given by the clairvoyant, C. R. Dell, are recorded.

At Red Eagle Lodge, 22 Bina Gardens, I met *Ronald Strong*. Mr. Strong is a young medium and possesses various phases of mediumship—healing, clairvoyance, direct-voice and materialization.



Ronald STRONG

I was invited to sit with his class to witness materialization, a phase which he is just beginning to develop. Many spirit forms built up very satisfactorily. Amongst them was my Mother who gave her name and evidence of her identity.

Margery Lawrence

From the cabinet, *Red Eagle*, the spirit control guide of Mr. Strong, called to me: "There is a little girl here, named Thistle. She says she gives you presents."

Immediately, I recognized the name "Thistle." She has given me many apport presents. This message was extremely evidential inasmuch as Thistle is the Apport-Guide of John Bunker, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

It was here, at Red Eagle Lodge, I met one of the most fascinating women it has been my pleasure to know—*Margery Lawrence*, noted writer and author — More about her later.

The Barbanell's gave a delightful tea party in my honor. A reprint from *Psychic News* on page one gives a full report of this charming afternoon.

On another day, in my room at Hotel Savoy, I had a very excellent trance sitting with *Lillian Bailey*, who is another of England's most prominent mediums. *William Hedley Wooten*, an offi-

cer in *Coldstream Guard*, is the principal spirit collaborator for Mrs. Bailey's trance work. I received considerable evidence at this sitting.

The most outstanding communicator was *Red Feather*, the spirit entity who for years, has helped guide the destiny of Mr. Pressing and myself. His intense interest and care for the well-being of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, and its readers was conclusively proved by the text of his communication through Mrs. Bailey.

Grace Cooke

At the close of this seance, the medium's child guide, "Poppet" who is beloved by hundreds in England, joyfully greeted us and welcomed *Pink Flower*, my spirit child helper.

Several years ago, *White Eagle*, spirit guide of *Grace Cooke*, came to me, during a trance sitting I had with *Frank Coney* at *Lily Dale*. Through correspondence, I checked the contact with Mrs. Cooke for time and accuracy.

Since that introduction to this spirit, I've longed to visit the *White Eagle Lodge* so an appointment was made for me to attend a trance address rendered by *White Eagle* through Mrs. Cooke.

After the meeting, I was privileged to meet the medium, *Grace Cooke*, and her family. We discussed the aspects of our respective work, and established a friendship that will be helpful.

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Above is a picture of one of the sanctuaries visited by Mrs. Pressing when she visited the *White Eagle Lodge*, 8 St. Mary Abbott's Place, Kensington.

This is one of the rooms used for prayer and healing services.

PSYCHIC OBSERVER book list shortly.

For years, I've been interested in the books that came through *Hester Dowden*, formerly Mrs. Travers-Smith, so when I noticed her name on my appointment schedule, I was delighted.

Sir William Barrett

Sir William Barrett experimented with Mrs. Dowden for a number of years. To be assured that the medium and sitters' minds did not influence the movement of the pointer on the Ouija board, *Sir William* cut apart the letters of the alphabet and pasted them out of rotation onto the board. Then, he blindfolded the medium and sitter. The results were perfect.

In her first book, "Voices from the Void," Mrs. Dowden gives an excellent account of her experiences. The second, "Psychic Messages from Oscar Wilde" created a sensation. The *Daily News*, a London paper, carried a leading article on this message in 1923.

The latest book to come through Mrs. Dowden is "The Book of Johannes" by *Peter Fripp*. *Johannes*, her spirit collaborator, said he lived 200 years before Christ and studied in the *Alexandrian Library*. Mrs. Dowden is the daughter of the late *Professor Edward Dowden*. I found her a highly cultured gentlewoman.

Geraldine Cummins

The style in which my sitting with Mrs. Dowden was conducted was new to me. The medium sat in a low chair with the *Ouija Board* across her lap. She described a spirit man who stood beside me. I requested that his name be given. As quick as lightning, the little pointer raced to "FATHER" and spelled out: L-A-P-S-L-E-Y E-W-I-N-G.

I exclaimed, "Oh, daddy, I'm so glad to greet you in England. Can you tell this nice medium where you lived before you went to spirit?"

Instantly the pointer spelled out: Louisville, Kentucky. *Johan-*

A few good used copies of "Voices from the Void" (\$2.00) and "The Psychic Messages of Oscar Wilde" (\$2.50) by H. Travers-Smith obtainable from Dale News, Inc., Lily Dale, N. Y.

nes then gave me a message of guidance for my future work.

Incidentally, *Geraldine Cummins* developed automatic writing in her sittings with Mrs. Dowden. Her many books have been widely acclaimed. Several of the titles are, "Scripts of Cleophas," "Paul In Athens" et cetera.

I heard many favorable comments on the mediumship of *Arthur Bhaduri*, one of the younger mediums. I arranged for him to come to the Savoy Hotel for a seance. He is overshadowed by spirit power while he rapidly gives clairvoyance. His clairvoyant vision is exceedingly precise and accurate. Full names, relationships and cities are rattled off without the slightest hesitation. In every instance, he was correct.

London Spiritual Alliance

Toward the end of the seance, a spirit who gave his name as *Kapama* addressed me. *Kapama* is the principal control of this medium. Though I didn't hear Mr. Bhaduri deliver a lecture or demonstrate public clairvoyance, I am sure he will become one of England's greatest mediums.

I visited the *London Spiritual Alliance*, 16 Queensbury Place, Kensington. This society occupies a large five story building. The secretary, *Miss Mercy Phillimore*, graciously received me. She showed me around the entire building. This society has a roster of mediums who serve the public. Classes and private interviews are open to the members. Lectures and demonstrations of clairvoyance are scheduled activities for the public. A very large library, possibly one of the largest in London, occupies the first floor.



Arthur BHADURI

On the second floor, one room contains many objects that are sacred to Spiritualists the world over. A glass cabinet is filled with original manuscripts, note books of automatic writing and sketches made through the hand of *Stanton Moses*, who was president of the L.S.A. from 1884 until his passing in 1892.

A wonderful oil portrait of *D. D. Home*, one of Spiritualism's most colorful mediums, hangs on one wall. For those not familiar with *Home's* mediumship, an excellent condensed record can be found in a current book, "Hey-dey of a Wizard," compiled by *Jean Burton*.

A life-sized portrait of the late *Etta Wreidt*, Detroit, Michigan, is also in this room. Mrs. Wreidt paid five visits to England. She sat for many notables who were interested in psychic science; amongst them *W. T. Stead*, whose secretary, *Miss E. K. Harper*, recorded 200 sittings. *Admiral Moore* wrote several books about her mediumship.

On the fourth floor, I met *H. J. D. Murton*, editor of *Light*, which was founded in 1881 by *Dawson*

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BARBANELL'S TEA PARTY

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which attracted attention in this country.

Hannen Swaffer said that it was largely a question of prejudice which had to be broken down. He told how, many years ago, he read a book of short stories by O. Henry, then an unknown name here. When he inquired why the author's works were not on sale in this country, he was told that the short story was not popular!

Yet, when an enterprising publisher reprinted O. Henry's short stories in shilling volume some months later, a million copies were sold within a year.

Swaffer gave a positive "No" when *Desmond* asked him whether his championship of Spiritualism had in any way affected his journalistic prestige.

The discussion veered to the question of propaganda meetings, and the *Pressings* regretted that they had few comparable with those which seemed to be quite common here.

Our Fight Won

On the question of newspaper treatment there was a lively exchange. *Desmond* at first contended that the *Press* ignored us. This was refuted by *Swaffer*, *Paul Miller* — he works on a London daily—and by *Barbanell*.

These three speakers maintained that we had won our fight with the *Press* and that ordinary Spiritualist occurrences were no longer "news," especially in newspapers suffering from restricted space. American Spiritualists had yet to win their fight with the *Press*.

So it went on for hours and, typical of all Spiritualist gatherings, nobody wanted to go home.

Peggy Parish, despite her recent bereavement, looked radiant, full of confidence and enthusiastic in her determination to continue her husband's healing mission.

Barbanell jokingly commented on the fact that, despite the wealth of mediums assembled, nobody gave a spirit message or received one.

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Rogers and Stainton Moses. Incidentally this building had its windows broken out several times during the blitz.

It was at the L.S.A. that I met W. H. Evans, who emanates true spirituality. I have always greatly admired his writings, but in the future, I shall revere what he writes, because such a man has truly, "touched the hem of His garment."

On the fifth floor of this large building, Mr. Evans conducts a daily healing service. In this little nook, there is an altar, in the center of which hangs a beautiful picture of the Master, Jesus Christ. Mr. Evans promised to contribute articles for PSYCHIC OBSERVER.

His book, "How to be a medium" has been one of our best sellers. We have ordered a stock of his latest book, "Candle of the Lord" dictated to him clairaudiently from spirit John.

At the conclusion of this visit, we went to Miss Phillimore's office, where we met Vice-Admiral J. G. Armstrong, the Vice-President of the L.S.A. We exchanged experiences and ideas for the future work in Spiritualism and then I purchased a number of publications endorsed by the Association.

Nan McKenzie

I also visited The Marylebone Spiritualist Association, founded in 1872, at 42 Russell Square. Illustrious pioneers in Spiritualism have been affiliated with this association. Emma Hardinge Britton was one of its sponsors in its early days. Classes, lectures, private sittings and healing are scheduled daily. Many of the best known mediums can be booked for appointments.

At present, the Marylebone large propaganda meetings have been suspended because a suitable hall has not been available owing to the fact that many of the best public buildings in London have been blitzed.

It was at the Marylebone, that I met Miss Nan McKenzie, who, like Mr. Evans, at the L.S.A., radiates the power and kindness of the true Christ spirit. She is a most successful spiritual healer. Her controlling influence is "Running Water" who is known to thousands.

T. Ralph Rossiter, the director of Marylebone, is ably fitted for his position. In his early life, he received marvelous help from spiritual healing through the medium, Evan Powell. Since that time, he has devoted his life to the cause of Spiritualism. He has a deep understanding of spiritual laws, and is eager to share his knowledge with others. We spent several pleasant evenings with Mr.

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The above picture shows the front entrance to the Greater World Association. It was in this building that Winifred Moyes and her staff met the editors of Psychic Observer, entertained them to tea and conducted them through the premises. Thousands are helped each year through the efforts of this Association.

Rossiter and his charming wife.

At the Home of "World Service Group," 13 Chesham Place, Belgrave Square, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Collen-Smith entertained us to dinner. This group is doing a splendid work. They publish "Psychic Review and World Service" magazine and their headquarters are commodious and beautifully furnished.

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I must tell you about the wonderful work carried steadily forward by the Greater World, 3 Lansdowne Road, Holland Park. This association occupies two large buildings. Miss Winifred Moyes is the leader of this association. Her spirit collaborator, Zodiac, gives profound teachings and most certainly has demonstrated that the Christ teachings can be practically applied to physical life.

Under Zodiac's guidance, the Association now charters many churches, owns its headquarters in which is housed the beautiful sanctuary, a printing plant and dozens of other departments. All work is accomplished through free will offering.

During the late war, the Greater World Association sponsored shelter houses and gave relief to thousands of homeless sufferers. Miss Moyes entertained us to tea. I shall never forget this wonderful woman and her remarkable work.

In the May 10th issue, Mrs. Pressing will describe her second week in London relating her visits with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oaten, Harry Boddington, Rev. C. Drayton, Thomas, Frank Leah, Armand Wilson, Harry Edwards, George Daisley, James Stewart, Eileen Blaschke, Horace Leaf, Vera Stanley-Alder, Margery Lawrence, J. Arthur Findlay, Peggy Parish, and others.

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EASTER Message

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herit the kingdom of heaven." Psychic authorities, knowing what has been scientifically demonstrated, declare that Jesus' astral or etheric body materialized and arose from the tomb.

But let the doctrinaires decide among themselves their disputations. The scientific truth of what happened is, of course, weighty and important. But, the purpose of that marvelous event, the lesson that the Christ revealed in that pregnant deed of God and Nature, is of infinitely more value for those who watched and waited and those who have loved him from afar. That lesson is that mortals can arise from the tomb of darkness and despair.

The Practical Value

Religionists tell us that the Resurrection was unique in the history of the world; that none save Jesus of Nazareth accomplished the impossible. But, again, let the doctrinaires decide, though history opposes them. For in truth this was not the only miracle in the conquest of death by resurrection and ascension; stories have come down to us of similar conquests of all the Sun-gods in centuries long before the Christian era.

Be that truth as it may be, the fundamental interest is rather in the manner by which the miracle was accomplished in Judea. Peter said The Christ was quickened by the spirit. For if we really understand the truth it shall make us free. Let us know by what manner the Spirit quickeneth and this terribly unhappy world shall arise from its tomb of sorrow, pain and poverty and ascend like the Risen Lord.

The practical value of the Resurrection far more than its religious significance is important for us. Let us know the Christ purpose of that tremendous drama. When we really understand it we shall be able to still the anguish of the multitude of men and women who cry: Oh! How shall I be able to remove these fleshly bonds? How can I overcome the world? How can I arise from the darkness of this tomb?

Truth Is Alive

Men have always sought the living among the dead. Are they not today using dead doctrines, dead formulas, dead remedies? We should not put new wine in old bottles. We solve nothing with the old or the dead.

Truth is the new virtue, Dr. Eliot said. But Truth is always

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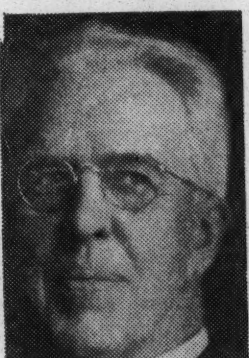
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Truth. It is eternal. Only man's understanding of Truth changes with the ages, discarding old or dead or dying methods, ushering in the vital and new and alive.

Is the problem that of the individual? Then bring back the Truth that we are made alive by the Resurrection of the Spirit. That is what Peter meant when he said Jesus of Nazareth was quickened by the Spirit. Feel the power of the eternally new within you. Feel the spirit of God so tremendously that you actually are power.

Life Undefeated

When problems come, step aside. Put your troubles behind you. Their importance, after all, is measured only by your emotional reaction to them. Look only at that which is vital and strong. Rise in the spirit of the Resurrection above all that troubles you.

Lilies accept this eternal resurgence of life and are beautiful to look upon. Flowers of the field do not impede life by doubting it, fearing it, hating it. Lilies respond to life, they rise with life.

The fundamental cause of every lack is fear of the consequences of the resurgence of life. But life is made to create with. Men fear life; they are antagonistic; they fight it. They are unaware of the ingenuity of the life-principle which flows into all things of earth and heaven, continually making new conditions.

Nothing, really, can defeat life. You can deflect it, change its course, hold it back for a while. But you can not destroy life; it is always rising, nearing the sunlight, like the pake plant in the cavern which moves out of its darkness toward the rays that filter through the cleft.

Fount of Being

You, yourself, cannot keep yourself from that resurgence moving irresistibly toward the Sunrise. You may hold back in happiness for a time perhaps for years or even an earth-span, but that happiness will eventually come to you some time in some beautiful way in spite of all you say, or all you do, for happiness is life.

The Tides of life are ever going on and rising. For uncounted millions of years the earth has been threatened by innumerable disasters of cold, heat, darkness, flood, typhoon, tornado, earthquake and volcanic eruptions. Man has come out of such things struggling, out of the morass and slime of a just beginning world, from stage to stage. Dangers have piled upon dangers. But each new danger is but an incentive for the instinct of life, and, after each disaster, man arisen from his tomb.

So it is going to be in this new world. There is a Fount of Being, some men call God, which is inexhaustible. Its waters ever flow out and on, and the old with all its sorrows and dangers vanishes into nothingness. The thundering tides of rising life can not be stopped.

Phenomenal Transmutation

We are immortal; we can not die; and the impulse of the species is sufficient to provide all the resourcefulness required to solve any problem. It is something prodigious and amazing that we have got here. You are afraid; you are afraid even of what life brings. But do you not understand that you are a living soul? Since the soul always lives, immortality or resurrection of the flesh should be a physical possibility.

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This is faith; this is prayer. That attitude gave him power to rise from the tomb. He glorified life by the simple act of looking upon all things as good. That final drama is shot with beauty and power and promise for us. We, too, can work miracles if we will see the God of Things as They Are within us.

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The VANISHED HAND

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with little round bells, a large black wooden pea-whistle, a few dried flowers, a luminous card about 9 inches by 5 inches, and two aluminum trumpets with luminous rims. On the floor, on the left of the medium's chair, was a coil of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch woven sash-card. In a far corner was a small empty wooden box which I turned upside down. There was positively nothing else whatsoever in the room.

Mr. Pugh next assembled the sitters and seated us in male-female-male-female order 'round the room. He then asked me to accompany him into the bedroom opposite. There he undressed, completely, literally, and handed me for examination a two-piece bathing costume consisting of a trunk and a short upper-piece with straps to go over the shoulders.

I examined it, turning it inside out, and he donned it. He then handed me a woollen dressing-gown, a handkerchief, and a pair of soft leather slippers. I turned the dressing-gown inside out, examined sleeves, linings, seams and pocket, and satisfied myself that there was nothing concealed in it, and he put it on.

Phenomena Occurred

I examined the slippers, inside and out, soles, uppers, and seams, and he put those on. I shook out the handkerchief and placed it in the dressing-gown pocket. I then conducted him straight to his chair in the seance-room, shutting the door behind me, reported to the company my examination, and resumed my seat.

A number of phenomena occurred, including evidential trance messages to myself and others, and, in darkness, trumpet voices and a variety of physical phenomena of which space forbids description. Suffice to say that practically none of them could possibly have been produced by any kind of conjuring or other trickery even had the means to do so been available, which they positively were not.

Astonishing Experience

These phenomena were followed by two partial materializations. A boy about twelve or thirteen called Jimmy passed around the room showing his head and hand against the luminous card. A woman form, shoulders and arms bare, utterly unlike any woman present in face, age, or dress, did the same.

It was while this last was showing herself to the people on my right that my own astonishing experience occurred. I should mention that my chair was right opposite the closed door leading onto a lighted landing. It would have been impossible for this door to open an inch without such being seen by myself and others. I was sitting with my hands grasping those of my next neighbors, as previously directed.

He Knew!

Suddenly I felt a child's hands, unmistakable child's hands, patting my own hand, and the fingers playing on it pianowise. The little fingers were very distinct and separate. These hands then moved confidently up my body, deliberately unbuttoned the two top buttons of my waistcoat, dived straight into that hidden inside pocket on the left side, pulled out the wallet, and left me.

Perhaps half a minute after, my

face was lightly flipped with a thin card till I said, "I know what it is, dear."

Thereupon, the card was pressed down three or four times firmly on my right thigh and left there. A moment later, the wallet was replaced in the inside pocket, and the hands left me, leaving the two buttons undone.

Test Conditions

About a minute and a half after this, the controlling communicator said "Turn on the light, please" (which was done). "Brother Graham! Will you please break hands and come here and examine these knots. Ladies and gentlemen, you might possibly suppose that the medium had somehow or other produced all these phenomena. We wish Brother Graham to satisfy you that this was impossible."

I went to the medium. I found him tightly trussed up in his chair. The cord went two or three times 'round his trunk and the back of the chair; his feet were tied together at the ankles and around the calves, and lashed to the bottom rail, on which they rested.

The medium's fore-arms lay along the two arms of the chair, tightly lashed to them; the cord, here doubled, was stretched tight between them, with a knot close to each wrist on the inner side. He could not move hand or foot an inch.

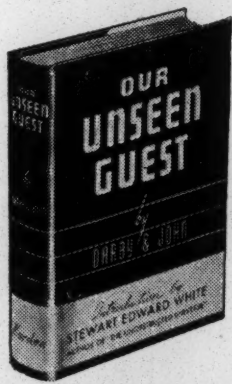
Absolute Proof

I have rigged and sailed my own boat, and I am used to knots and cordage; it would have taken me quite a time so to tie the medium up in daylight. The knots were hard and tight, and felt as if great force had been used to make them. To untie and release him would have been a very much longer job. I duly testified to the facts.

On the floor, by my chair, lying face upwards, was the postcard photograph of Billy. I picked it up and took out my wallet. The envelope was in its usual place inside, with something else it contained undisturbed.

A minute or so afterwards, the light, which had been switched off when I resumed my seat and linked hands again, was switched on by order. The medium was lying

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This league is under the leadership of Winifred Moyes, the intermediary for Zodiac, principal spirit collaborator for the league's monthly journal "The Greater World."

During their recent visit to London Miss Moyes entertained the editors of Psychic Observer to tea and conducted them through their center which was, during the war, a haven for those who needed shelter, food and clothing.

back in his chair, eyes closed, exhausted, breathing very heavily, sweating profusely.

The rope was lying in a tangled heap on the floor; there were no cuts in it; the knots were apparently all intact. I repeat that to release the medium by normal means, even the help of a marline-spike, would have been a long and tedious job.

A few days after this Johannesburg seance, I called on Mrs. Godfrey, here in Pretoria. She had never heard of Mr. Pugh and knew nothing of my seance in Johannesburg. The moment I came in, she said, rather excitedly, "Billy tells me that the other day he touched you, and took his picture out of your pocket and put it on the table! Is that right?" It transpired that she supposed this occurrence, if true at all, to have taken place here, in my own room.

Now the issue here is quite simple and clear-cut:

Literally no living person knew that there was a photograph in an envelope in my wallet. Literally no living person knew that the wallet was in that unusual inside pocket of my waistcoat or had any reason to suppose such a thing. But the knowledge was there, and was acted upon with obvious purpose and with obvious motive.

Whose the purpose, whose the knowledge, and whose the motive?

In a room where no living child was, a child's hands fondled mine, unbuttoned my waistcoat, extracted that photograph from my pocket, and flipped my face with it.

Whose the hands?

Mrs. Godfrey was able to tell me the facts, and yet did not know the when and the where of them.

How did she know?

I am as hard-headed a man as ever scoffed at Spiritualism and all its works for years, and made myself funny about "spooks," and "humbugging mediums," and "frauds," and "superstition" and "credulity," and so forth and so on. And I defy any person whatever to produce even a semblance of a credible answer to these three questions which does not involve the single spiritistic explanation.

If all the skeptical scientists, and pseudo-scientists, and would-be scientists, on either side of the Atlantic, sat around arguing with me for a month that this and innumerable other water-tight evidences I have had of Survival and Communication, and the constant presence of the exanimate, could be ascribed to Telepathy, or Trickery, or fabulous fishing by mediums' Subconscious Minds in Cosmic Pools of Memory, or what not, I should not care two separate silly

little cents for the lot of them. I KNOW.

So it was that I felt that touch of the vanished hand for which the poet yearned.

And the sound of the stilled voice? That also. Many such voices. Not once only, but over and over again; ever since "Billy" spoke to me through a trance medium the first time, beginning with the poignant words—"I have been longing and longing for the time to come when I could talk to you so that no one else could hear, and now, at last, I am able to do it." (Not that he was the first, by many.)

"But why?" the curious reader will perhaps ask; "Why Billy? Why you? Why you two who never even saw one another in life? You an old man, and he a young boy, and a stranger?"

Now if you must know, the real secret of that is that it is my secret! If you are intuitive, and get guessing, well... America's a free country; I can't stop you, can I? But I will give you just this hint:

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ARE SPIRITS TELEPATHIC?

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Depths into which so-called scientists will plunge in puerile and illogical attempts to explain away psychic phenomena are seemingly prompted solely by frantic efforts to substantiate a stubborn aversion to all things spiritual.

A glaring instance, appearing in a recent issue of TOMORROW, penned by Whatley Carington, and entitled "Science sees through the Ghost," presents a maximum of unscientific presumptions and blind fumbblings toward this end.

Granting that the labored efforts of this author to eliminate spirits as psychic demonstrations stems from intentions of honesty, the pseudo objectives should, never the less, not go unchallenged. The entire article smirks too much of theory and guesses. Although titled as a product of science, it nowhere produces that which may be termed scientific proof to substantiate the assumptions advanced.

The Elusive Mind

There are four types of apparitional phenomena, according to the writer, two being undesignated and dismissed as inconsequential and therefore unworthy of his profound probings. The others, called "Crisis Ghosts Proper," and "Haunts," are adjudged of sufficient importance to merit explanation.

Briefly, the analysis assumes "association of mind" basic to these phenomena. A ghost, so-called, is a figment or product of some mind that, by virtue of the laws of association, registers its concept in another mind, the latter mind "seeing" the image, and therefore, believing it a reality, calls it a ghost.

The logical deduction is that a ghost, therefore, isn't an actually real thing, but just a mind image, like a dream picture, sauntering around in houses, and perceived by the eye of man.

Thought, Woman or Spirit?

Specifically, the article cites a "little old woman," wandering around in a haunted house, being seen and sometimes heard by others, and thus being mistaken for a ghost. This "woman"—so insists the author—is a mind product, originating either—and we quote—"in the mind of the old lady herself, or in the mind of some one connected with her."

All this appears so basically "unscientific" as to be blatantly out of place in an analysis presumed to be scientific. The "little old lady" is assumed, by the author, to be dead, and to be visiting, in the guise of a mind projection, places familiar to her during her earth life.

Nowhere, however, is there any reference to scientific proof either that the old lady actually lives, or, being alive, possesses mental powers of projection sufficiently intense to create a visible or telepathic replica of herself meandering about in an assumed "haunted" house.

The author, as so often occurs in fantastic efforts, substantiates the very fact he so frantically seeks to obliterate. His theory presupposes the actual intelligent exist-

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Again one feels that "Betty" is a friend, someone one knew here, and who is still very much alive, generous as ever, sharing now the tremendous new knowledge she has acquired, busily engaged upon the work for which her earth years were a rigorous training.

The conditions in which the "war dead"—a subject of deep interest now—find themselves are clearly and beautifully told. As did the other books, this new one is sure to bring consolation and renewed hope and faith to many.

Mildred McNaughton



BETTY

Are Spirits Telepathic?

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tence of the "old lady" in invisible realms, else her presumed "mental image" could not be projected. If she does not exist after death, she surely can't think.

Thus does the (learned) author's assumption, which he avers to be scientific, react as a boomerang. It conclusively demonstrates, whether intended to do so or not, immortality, intelligent life after death, and an assumed contact, even though by the questionable process of "projection," of astral beings with those of earth.

Where the Law Is Overloaded

Deeper analysis of this idea discloses another glaring inconsistency. The author admits that "ghosts" of complete strangers may freely appear to men of earth. The "little old woman" of the discourse, we are asked to believe, projects herself as a thought form out into space, and by means of mental association and attraction registers in a mortal mind in which NO knowledge of this woman exists, and where NO conditions favoring association are present.

In other words, the mortal who "sees" the woman, never heard of her before, has or had nothing in common with her, and, therefore, in accord with the known laws of association, could not possibly be a conscious recipient.

The law of association operates only between two or more minds or two or more people similarly "tuned" each to the others, or in whose minds segments of mentality are "en rapport" each with the others. As well advance a theory that a radio receiving set is receptive to any rate of broadcasting, though not tuned thereto, as to assume a human mind, void of ideas associated with the alleged "thought ghost" is an open sesame to a conscious vision of said ghost.

Radios are "dead" to any broadcast vibration until adjusted thereto, and then are "dead" to all but the one that oscillates to the adjustment.

Likewise a hypothetical "thought ghost" could not, because of the very nature of things, register on a mentality, by law of association, when within the recipient complete ignorance both of the existence and character of the alleged ghost exists. The theory of psy-

cically projected bodies making promiscuous contact with earth minds of utter strangers, and thus being envisioned as ghosts, falls of its own weight.

Likewise, the author, without so much as a pretext at verification, assumes that human vision includes that of mental products. If science has ever asserted that physical eyes register thoughts of others or has ever possessed proof that mind can be seen by impressionable registrations upon optic nerves, the same has never come to the attention of the general public.

Can Human Thoughts Be Seen?

The theory, thus advanced to explain ghosts, definitely infers that the human watcher actually sees, by vision through the eye, the alleged thought projection sent forth by the "little old lady."

Of course the author may have intended to convey the idea that the human recipient simply is conscious of a mental picture of the "thought ghost," and THINKS he has beheld something tangible and real. In other words, to make the theory tenable it becomes necessary to assume that the watcher DOES NOT, in reality, see anything, but in his mind's eye he perceives a figure that he mistakenly surmises is a definite object,

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and that this object looks, moves and acts like a person.

Thus the author's ghost is a flimsy figure flitting at the will of its discarnate creator, much like a motion picture machine might hurtle an image hither and yon, to take form for an instant and to disappear the next.

The nature of the substance composing this conjectured ethereal object is not disclosed. Nor is it explained just how a mental image becomes sufficiently compact to admit of physical discernment. Absence of such information hangs like an ominous pall over the entire discussion. In fact the whole thing appears clumsy and positively devoid of rational logic and of reasonable conviction.

Why Not Be Sensible?

If the "little old woman" is living, as the author concedes, and if she is able, as the author also declares, to "think herself" into her haunts, then why, in the name of common sense, is it essential to assume that her "thought form," mirrored in human minds, is the ghost? Is it not easier that the woman herself, if endowed with this powerful ability, may not herself come to this planet and be her own ghost?

Surely such an idea is far less complex. It is then not necessary to invoke the law of association. Nor is the fantastic notion that normal human mentality visions thoughts and thought forms.

It is so much simpler, so vastly more natural and normal, and by far and wide, much more scientific, to assume that the "little old woman" was actually herself walking in the old familiar places, and that she is seen and heard when her astral body comes within vibratory registration of any earthly mortal that chances, at the moment, to be within such orbit.

If Telepathic Ghosts Prove Possible

If the world wants telepathic ghosts, and the same are in course of time proven possible, no harm shall come to the tenets of psychic phenomena. Psychology may reveal strange things yet to come. Some odd quirk of subconsciousness, as yet undetected, may disclose possibilities of thought recognition, and of image perception. As yet, however, no faint glimmers bedeck the horizon.

When scientists, so-called, however, seek to erase spirit return by substituting the theory of telepathically transmitted images of dead men and women, they not only display a pseudo confidence in a presumption that has no basis in fact, but they also, inadvertently perhaps, substantiate astral communication with earth.

It is hence comforting to realize that, even though the fantastic and at present unauthenticated theory of "thought ghosts" should ultimately be found tenable, that the truth of spirit contact with earth will not be dimmed.

In other words, if mental projection of spirit minds is finally found possible — as our author states it now to be — then simultaneously with such proof must come the correlated certainty that spirits on yon side the Great Divide, live and thrive, for no "mental projection" can emanate from non-entities.

But until, and if, those days shall come, there remains not one whit of verity establishing "thought projection" as an idea worthy of rational consideration.

What I Observe by R.G. Pressing



According to Freling Foster's column "Keeping Up with the World" (Collier's, March 9th) Cremation is fast becoming recognized as the proper means of taking care of the bodies of those who have passed away. Foster says: "... between 1920 and 1945, the number of crematories in the United States increased from 25 to 150, while the number of cremations increased from 10,000 to 50,000 annually."

Hollywood Institute

Dr. Hereward Carrington, formerly of New York City, is now directing the American Psychical Institute at 1145 Vine St., Hollywood (38) California. Dr. Carrington, whose entire life-work has been a study of psychic phenomena, is a member of the Society for Psychical Research and a permanent delegate of the International Spiritualist Congresses, which, before the late war, were held in London, Paris, Glasgow, Barcelona, and dozens of other foreign countries. His present organization is devoted to the study of psychic phenomena; is a non-profit membership society incorporated under the laws of California. Dr. Carrington has written dozens of books on the subject (see Page 6) also booklets and articles for scientific journals.

CARRINGTON

Rositer Reports

George Craze, President of The Marylebone Spiritualist Association, 42 Russell Square, London, passed away shortly after the editors of Psychic Observer left England on their recent trip. Mr. Craze was one of the after-dinner speakers at The Ernest Oaten banquet at which function hundreds of noted Spiritualists paid tribute to Mr. Oaten's fifty years of service to Spiritualism. According to T. Ralph Rossiter, Secretary of M. S. A., Henry C. Buckingham has been appointed as new President to carry on the work of Mr. Craze who was associated with Marylebone since 1896.

Golden Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. John George Max celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary recently at The First Association of Spiritualists, Master near Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Mamie B. Schulz performed the second ceremony. In attendance were: Christie R. Courtney, Ray Moore, Patsy Frank, Peg Schackley, Ray Getter,

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O.S.S.A. Convention

The forty-first annual convention of The Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association will be held at Enid, Oklahoma, April 24th to 26th at The Spiritualist Healing Center conducted by A. P. A. Fields, Secretary. Daily business sessions in the healing chapel, 409 North Independence St.; Evening services for the public at the Youngblood Hotel, Enid, will feature Rev. Melvin O. Smith, President of the N. S. A. Junior League. For information, write J. H. Cuddy, President, 430 North Santa Fe, Tulsa, Oklahoma or the secretary, A. S. P. Fields, 409 North Independence, Enid.

Chaney in Philadelphia

A demonstration of "trumpet-in-the-red-light" was witnessed recently by the editor of "Psychic Observer" and his brother, Alfred J. Pressing of Wilmington, Delaware. The seance, conducted by Robert G. Chaney, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, was held at Philadelphia, Pa., in the large, newly decorated and equipped seance room of The First Church of The Spiritualists, of which Rev. Mamie B. Schulz is pastor. Over twenty people were in attendance—all receiving conclusive proof of spirit communication as well as being given the rare opportunity of viewing dozens of etherealized forms. Rev. Chaney, also a spirit photographer, demonstrated this unusual gift on two occasions during his week's engagement.

New Psychic Monthly

"PSYCHONALYST" is the name of the new psychic magazine that is expected on the market about May 1st, says Leona Olson of New York City. It will be a monthly journal (25c) edited by "Lee Thorpe."

Erickson Reopens

Urgent duties during World War II diverted Rose Erickson, noted New York psychic, from her chosen field of spiritual work. Recently she opened a new center, 300 West 54th St. (near 8th Ave.) known as Chapel Eternal Star with services every Saturday and Sunday, 8 P. M.

Pearl Long Marries

Pearl Erick Long and Earl Durward Roberts were married February 16th at Riverside Church, New York City. In the field of Spiritualism, Mrs. Long is well known as a lecturer, teacher and direct-voice medium. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts reside at their penthouse, 60 Wall St., New York City.

Lily Dale Trustee Passes

Dr. Abel DeWitt Gritman, retired Philadelphia Dentistry Instructor passed to the higher life recently at his home in Forest Temple Park, Lily Dale, N. Y. For over 15 years, he was a member of The Board of Directors of Lily Dale Assembly in whose interests he devoted the latter years of his life.

Dr. Gritman was a keen observer of mediumship and a student of psychic science... having at one time sponsored the internationally-known voice medium, Hazel Ridley. It was through Miss Ridley's mediumship that he received much of his evidence for personal conscious survival.

MEDIUM'S MESSAGES ASTONISH THE PRESS

Hannen Swaffer at a Propaganda Meeting

Americans view one of England's popular public Spiritualist Rallies. Hear noted speaker and C. R. Dell's clairvoyance. Juliette Pressing greets crowd.

Local reporters class Spiritualism as news—Give full report.

By PERCY WILSON

The reporters from the local Press looked at the platform with astonishment when C. R. Dell gave a demonstration of clairvoyance at the Plumstead Baths, London, S.E., recently. They had evidently seen nothing like it before.

Here was a stranger from Cardiff who had never been to Woolwich or Plumstead before giving fact after fact about local boys who had passed on in the war—and all were recognized. Full names and addresses and other personal details tumbled out in quick succession.

Take this as an example. While one message was being given to a woman on the left, Dell suddenly heard a voice on the right and darted quickly in that direction, saying:

"There is an Air Force boy here. He was a pilot. Name of Pike—John Pike. With a woman in the fourth row just there. Are you his mother? He trained in Canada. He's gone back there, in spirit, for some reason. Ah, yes! He tells me he brought something with him from Canada . . . and that was a wife. She's there now with his baby."

Instant Recognition

Just that but what a wealth of joy and comfort was wrapped up in those few words of recognition, which brought the word "Yes" five

times from the recipient.

So it was throughout the demonstration. It started with a Mrs. Kerridge, Violet, of Brookdene Road, Plumstead. The name of Bert was also given, and a few personal details. All were gladly recognized.

Then the medium passed to Lieut. Trevor Godfrey, "an army lieutenant, connected with Lee. Is there a place called Lee here? His mother is here. She was killed in the blitz."



C. R. DELL

Then we had Elizabeth Mason, connected with George, with a lot of evidential details, and another description which seemed to puzzle the medium. It was from a parachutist. Dell saw the flash "Airborne" on his shoulder. Then he kept on hearing the word "Arnhem," which was repeated several times, even after Dell had identified the woman to whom the message was given, and had ascertained that her son was at Arnhem.

Name Was the Proof

It was only after the meeting was over that the puzzle was solved. For then we learned from her that the boy's name was Arnhem and that he was killed at Arnhem.

The meeting was organized by the Woolwich and District Spiritualist Churches. The speaker was Hannen Swaffer, who was on his home ground, so to speak, for he has conducted political meet-

ings there, and the local people showed their appreciation by packing the hall—1,500 of them.

Swaffer was not in one of his fiery moods. In fact he was not really very well. But that did not prevent him from giving one of the most eloquent and persuasive addresses that I have heard from his lips.

One of my friends on the Other Side—himself recognized in his day as a golden-tongued orator—is very fond of telling me that the human voice is the mightiest power in the world.

Lord Northcliffe

Swaffer certainly demonstrated that power when he spoke. I had remarked from the chair on the wealth of testimony there is to the truth of spirit return from distinguished people in all walks of life. I had reminded the audience how much easier it would have been for Swaffer if, instead of looking at the evidence for himself and giving his testimony unswervingly in its favor, he had elected to remain aloof and scoff.

That remark of mine seemed to act as a spur. For 45 minutes he gave us fact after fact from his experience, from the time when Northcliffe first communicated with him from the Beyond, and his adventures in his four home circles, to the more recent experiences with Helen Duncan and, in

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On Sunday, May 5, Spiritualist Episcopal Churches will hold special services celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Church, according to Rev. Robert Chaney, President.

Since its incorporation as a Church, the organization has spread through many mid-western states, and a number of nationally known workers have affiliated with it.

Probably the greatest activity of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church has been in the field of religious publications such as study material, propaganda tracts, and informative booklets. A series of fifteen different tracts and book-

lets has been published, and more are being planned, according to Rev. John W. Bunker, presiding clergyman of the Church. The tracts have been distributed without charge to any interested person.

The following tracts have been issued pertaining to Spiritualism in general: *Celestial Mansions, Heal Me!, You Can Be Healed, Philosophy The Healer, How To Be Healed, and The Bible Teaches Spiritualism.*

Celestial Mansions have proved so popular that a second edition was issued. *The Bible Teaches Spiritualism* is the latest to be published.

The Church has also published a series of 16 page booklets as follows: *Be Ye Transformed, The New Church of the Aquarian Age, Character—*

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One of the most popular booklets, of which thousands have been sold, is *So—You Are Going to a Seance*, a booklet of advice to the investigator. This booklet was reproduced in the *Psychic Observer* a little over a year ago.

The *Spiritualist Episcopal Church, The Seven Precepts, and The Oracle*, are tracts which pertain to the Church itself. The Church has also published a 168 page manual for its workers.

The magazine *Golden Rays* is the Church's most ambitious publication. This monthly magazine of study and meditation material, and Spiritualist and occult articles, is distributed throughout the world. With the June issue, *Golden Rays* will enter its fourth year of publication.

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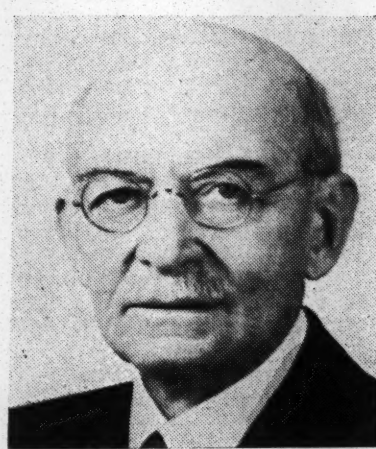
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